

26 Cases of Typhoid Reported Annually in Los Angeles County

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Typhoid fever, among the last of the pestilential fevers modern science learned to prevent and keep under control in the Western world, is caused by a bacillus called Salmonella typhosa. The ways in which it may be transmitted are understood and its control readily possible but, nevertheless, an average of 26 cases has been reported annually in Los Angeles County for the last five-year period, and during the last few days the disease has again made headlines in the local newspapers.

Typhoid fever is a systemic illness that usually localizes in the intestines. Early symptoms of the disease may include general aches and pains over the entire body, headache, nose-bleed, increasing tiredness, and loss of appetite and fever for at least a week before the individual becomes sick enough to go to a doctor. If the disease is severe, extreme weakness, high fever, diarrhea, and ulceration of the intestines may then occur. The acute illness lasts at least three or four weeks and the disease has a fatality rate of about 10 per cent.

Spread by Carriers
In this area, typhoid fever is not caused by environmental

factors, such as polluted water and milk supplies, for sanitation inspections and safeguards have long since eliminated these sources of infection. Investigations disclose that the disease is generally spread by means of chronic typhoid carriers.

Typhoid carriers are individuals who act as symptom-free portable reservoirs for the germs of the disease and many of them are unaware that they may transmit the infection. Most of them are older people who have had the disease earlier in life, sometimes as long as 50 years ago, or have had it in so mild a form that it was not recognized. Or it may be transmitted by carriers who have come here from other areas where the disease is still prevalent, such as the south-central United States or the countries south of the border.

Most Carriers Women
Whether the disease is mild or otherwise, it is estimated that between three and four per cent of the individuals who have had it become carriers, 70 per cent of them being women. About one-fifth of all carriers have never had the disease in a recognizable form.

All known chronic carriers are kept under strict surveillance by public health officials and are visited at least twice yearly. None,

under any circumstances, are permitted to work commercially with milk or other foods. Members of the carrier's household are advised to be vaccinated against the disease and annual booster shots of the vaccine are given as additional protection.

All known typhoid carriers are listed in the State Registry so that, among other things, occupation and residence can frequently be checked upon by investigators. Owing to the instruction and supervision given, carriers usually present no menace to the community or household.

No Cure Found

No drug yet found will rid the chronic carrier's body of the germs. However, since they frequently localize in the gall bladder or kidney, surgical removal of these organs frequently clears up the infection. Where both kidneys are infected, such an operation is, of course, impossible. Should an operation be performed, laboratory tests are given for several months, and if all reports are negative the carrier's name is removed from the Registry and he is considered "cured." At present there are 46 known carriers residing in the area served by the Los Angeles County Health Department.

As a personal precaution when traveling, it is always wise for vacationists and others to protect themselves against the disease by obtaining typhoid immunizations.

There are almost 45,000 elevators in New York, including 30,000 passenger lifts.



HER MAJESTY'S COURT . . . Community Fair Queen Jacqueline Pagac appears at coronation ceremonies Wednesday night, with part of her court, runners-up in the competition. In the first row are Janeene Colombo, Vera Roberson, and Theresa Reddington. Standing are Earsie Simms, Ann Webb, and runnerup Ella Mae McLeod.

Job Seekers Thin Out in Past 30 Days

Fewer persons were seeking work during the past 30 days than during the previous months, according to figures released here yesterday by Mrs. Winona Ellis, manager of the Torrance office of the State Department of Employment.

While 1094 persons were registered in the local office for work during July, only 1058 are now registered, Mrs. Ellis reported Tuesday.

Still leading the list of those seeking jobs are the laborers, which includes all kinds of plant, factory, and construction workers and helpers.

Trailing in the numbers registered are professional workers—which include an accountant, musician, production planners, teachers, nurses, and office managers.

Of those seeking work, Mrs. Ellis reports that 467 are women

while 591 are men. Thirty-eight per cent of the men registered at the local office are veterans, a few of them disabled.

Available applicants are classified as follows:

	June	July	Aug.
Professional	25	42	29
Clerical	133	159	175
Sales	31	42	46
Service	55	101	105
Agriculture	46	93	65
Skilled	84	200	195
Semi-skilled	180	231	221
Labor	202	226	222
Totals	889	1094	1058

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Moose Schedule Square Dances

The first of what may be a series of public Square Dances will be presented next Saturday, Aug. 14th, at 8:45 p.m., by the Torrance Moose Lodge, James Stiles, committee chairman, announced yesterday.

Stiles revealed that this first venture by the lodge in the field of western dancing was the result of a survey conducted by his Entertainment committee. "A definite move back to this family-type of entertainment," according to Stiles, "dictated our decision in promoting the square dances. It may be a partial answer," concluded the chairman, "to the question of public social activities in the Torrance area."

A "Chuck Wagon" dinner will precede the Square Dance scheduled for Sat., Aug. 28th.

STARTING DATE
Rural mail delivery service in the United States began in 1896.

The miracle of growth

One of the things which has set Southern California apart from the rest of the country in recent years has been the tremendous, almost unbelievable growth that has marked this area.

Typical of this unprecedented westward expansion is the city of Torrance.

From a population of a few thousand people several decades ago, Torrance has emerged as one of the leading manufacturing centers in Southern California, with scores of new industries and more than 45,000 citizens residing within its boundaries.

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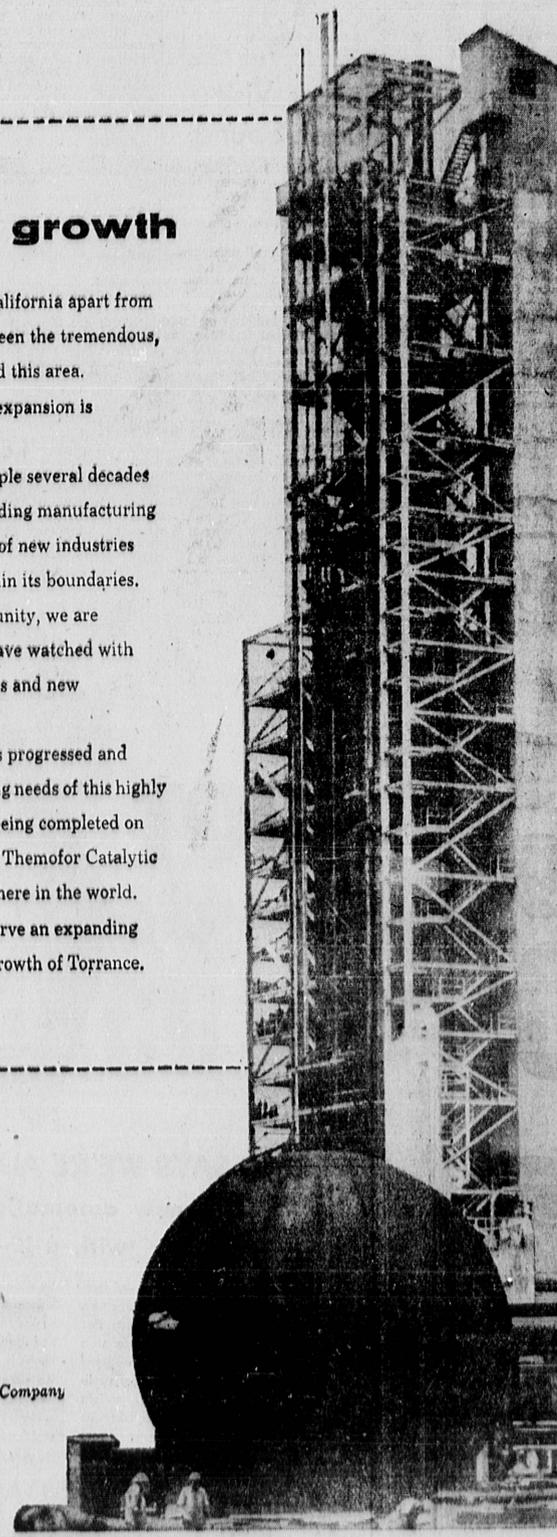
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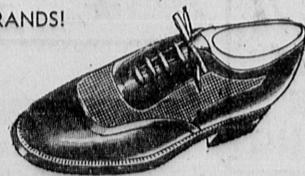
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